

# KOREAN BROADCASTS

FROM THE

CHOSEN MISSION

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

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## WE SHALL LISTEN TO SYENCHUN STATION.

The Sin Syung Academy for Boys is about to close its second term. "Are we going to have a new building this spring?" is the big question.

We have been on the list for this building for a number of years and each year have had hopes that funds would come from donors in America. Each year these hopes have been dashed and the interest in the school has fallen off. It has now become a matter of Life and death, almost, with the school. The appeal is being sent out by our Board and if it comes to any who receive this paper, it is hoped they will not treat it lightly.

Great plans are on foot, as the Christmas vacation comes in sight, for Evangelistic tours by the boys. Bands are being organized on all sides and lasting results are looked for.

The same conditions of urgency as to buildings prevails in the Posung School for Girls. The report which the principal reluctantly brought that our friends in America are not yet ready to give the urgently needed funds for the erection of a school building upon the site offered by a Korean friend, is a bitter disappointment.

We are not giving up, however, but are considering whether something cannot be done with the small sum in hand, supplemented by such gifts as it may be possible to collect locally.

After 4 days of daybreak and evening prayer meetings and forenoon and afternoon Bible study, the members of the North Church in Syenchun, gave their pledges, for the yearly budget of the church. They amounted to \$1,200.

## NOW COMES CHAIRYUNG.

Miss McKee and Mrs. Harvey have been in the country almost continuously all fall, holding well attended Bible Classes. This is the list of counter attractions for one week in Kumsan: two weddings in the town and five in the nearby village from which many women came for the class; two babies born and the death of the church leader's wife.

A Bible woman was doing personal work in a village and stopped at a threshing floor to ask the way back. Being directed, she thought it only courteous to ask the men to the evening prayer meeting. Prayer meeting over and everyone asleep, when a great knocking at the outer gate aroused the deacon's household and his guests. There were the two men in clean clothes and with well brushed top-knots coming to keep their promise to a mere woman!

A dog to swell church funds. A woman had a beloved dog, but thought best to sell it and received \$1.00. This was put

into her husband's orchard. Being impressed by the needs of the Lord's vineyard she publicly promised to do all in her power to replace that dog money and put it into the Husbandman's hands.

"Fire! Fire! Fire!" Such was the cry that wakened Mr. Hunt out of his first sleep after a day of tent evangelistic work. Sleepily he asked. "Did the tent burn?" "Oh, no,—its just the burning of fetiches." The fires kindled in the hearts of some of the forty two new believers had burned out the dross there and spread until the "Kwisins" of five households were burned.

## CHUNG JU WILL SPEAK NEXT.

The magistrate of a neighboring town contributed to the church for ten years and, although he did not attend church, sent his family and conducted family prayers regularly. When he resigned, the people subscribed a purse of \$230 out of their poverty to show their appreciation of his services. He bought land with the money as an endowment for the pastor's salary.

A year ago only sixteen catechumens were enrolled during the entire year. This fall ninety nine were admitted within two weeks, during which time only a part of the district was visited.

A new student of the Bible Institute has been conducting a school for girls in his home church with out salary. A number of the girls have been enrolled as catechumens as a result.

A converted sorceress has contributed a rice pond worth \$800 the one of the churches near here as an endowment towards the pastor's salary. It will pay ten dollars a month.

Another woman, living in a churchless market town, raised silk-worms and gave half the proceeds—fifteen dollars—to her husband for a church. He was so pleased he doubled it and, largely with his own hands built a sixteen foot square chapel that will hold fifty people sitting on the floor. A night school is held in it for the working boys. Three bright boys were baptized the last visit, one the son of this woman.

## ANDONG WILL PLEASE STEP UP TO THE RECEIVER.

The Yungju church sold 600 Gospels for a colporteur so that he could work for them as evangelist during November. The work was prospering so that they subscribed his salary another month.

The students of the Bible Institute this fall instead of choosing one of their number as an evangelist and giving his salary for a month, as they have done several years, subscribed money to pay the board of the men who go to preach, and several volunteered to go. So for a whole month there will always be two men preaching where they try to start a church.

One new group started this fall, began as an extension Sunday School in the summer. A member after deciding to become a Christian, sent off his two concubines and said he enjoyed the quiet after hearing their wrangling so long. The attendance in the group is about 60 now.

Choonyang wanted to build a new church and figured that by using the materials in the old building they could do so for \$300. The day they started the subscription they received \$400.

The Presbytery's school for boys has had to reduce teachers' salaries, but they keep going, and the students are used in Extension Sunday Schools near and in Andong.

#### NOW FOR FAR OFF KANGKEL.

Kangkei city's new pastor asked all those on whom he had not called to raise their hands. Not a hand went up in a congregation of over five hundred. He has kept up his calling all fall and is binding the church together in loyalty to him.

Owing to the disturbed condition of these border regions and the financial pressure, the circuits are having a hard time paying their pastors' salaries and some circuits have dropped their Bible Women.

The Presbytery's academy has not paid full salaries to its teachers since March. Yet the teachers are so loyal they are standing by the school when they have to go into debt to buy their food. Pray, with us, that these times of disturbance may soon pass.

The failure of the Government Hospital physician to save several of his typhoid patients and the success of our physician with his cases started a stream of Japanese patients to our hospital. They have been coming from far country districts because of contagious diseases and for operations to our hospital rather than to their own.

#### SEOUL COMES NEXT.

Sai Mal has one of the most energetic and prayerful of deaconesses. Among the many hours she spent in prayer and preaching, not a few were spent upon relatives, who were deeply superstitious and given to ancestor worship. This autumn the time of worshipping at the tombs and ancestral tablets drew near. Then suddenly, the Word of God took effect, the Holy Spirit had His way, and the whole household decided to believe in Christ. It was but a day or so before the great festival when they called in the deaconess and said: "We are through with these instruments of heathenism. Get rid of them for us." With her own hands she made a fire and gave to the flames everything burnable.

The day after the festival the baby grandchild suddenly died after but a few hours of illness. "A judgment from the gods" said the heathen. The old man of the family, less than a week old in the faith, said, "He was God's gift and God has taken him. We must not murmur or grieve."

A few days later the old man himself was taken very ill. "A clear evidence that the spirits are angry," said the heathen. But the family showed not the least evidence of losing their faith.

Less than two weeks after he had been born into the kingdom of God the old man was called home. He went rejoicing in his Saviour. His last message to his family was, "Never give up Christ." To his daughter in law he said, "Do you think my soul can have perfect peace if you are not a Christian? Be a good Christian, my daughter."

#### PYENGYANG HAS A MESSAGE FOR US.

The annual Workers' Class for women preparing to teach in the Bible Classes in the country churches during the winter was held during October for two weeks with a record attendance of 149. Eight only of these were Bible Women on Mission pay while nearly all the remainder were unsalaried women, yet they gladly gave two weeks of their time in preparation for their work. Many of them are now in the country assisting in the Bible classes.

The Men's Bible Institute has finally acquired a home of its own and the 98 men in attendance are indeed rejoicing, as are also the missionary teachers. The former Hospital Building was moved to a new site and there remodelled. Mr. Hill, the principal, has just returned from furlough, bringing sufficient funds with which to complete the alterations immediately needed.

Five among the mothers of the Station force have left their home duties and have gone to the country for periods of from one to two weeks this fall to assist in carrying on the Bible Classes which are now in session.

The Lula Wells Institute has been filling a place in the life of Pyengyang of which few know. Under Miss Doriss' care there are some forty young women and girls, some of whom have been rescued from lives of shame, some have escaped from concubinage, and others have been left widows with no means of support and no education. Without help from the Mission, Miss Doriss has been carrying on this work for some years, relying altogether upon gifts for the work. Yet she has been able to provide work for those who needed it and has given the young women many of the common branches of an education.

Regarding one of these girls she writes: "Pak Choon Sin, an eighteen years old girl, when only a child, was sold to a much older man to eventually become his concubine. Her life was a sad one until she heard the Gospel. She then ran away and followed a Christian teacher to Pyengyang and was placed in the Asylum for Poor Children, until she was transferred to the Lula Wells Institute. Here her life has become a happy one and she is daily growing in grace."

#### TAIKU HAS OUR ATTENTION.

A man had done his best to keep his wife from attending the meetings of the Christians. In vain were scoldings, beatings, hiding her clothing, even dragging her through the streets by her hair, thus putting her to public shame. Her patience and calm faith unshaken in tribulation, and most of all her prayers, changed her husband from persecutor to seeker, who in shame confesses his sins of a few months ago, and has been admitted to the catechumenate.

Taiku Station said goodbye to their school teacher last June after she had spent two very successful years in teaching the missionary children. As the mothers waved goodbye with one hand, they figuratively grasped the Calvert Course of Home Instruction in the other, and proceeded with teaching the young idea how to shoot. It means serious hard work all morning and every morning, all other activities being crowded into the busy afternoons. And it means very little missionary work as such. But the children must be educated, and we like to remember as we faithfully discharge this duty that "They also serve who only stand and (in this case) teach."

This fall is proving a difficult one financially, in the work of the hospital, on account of crop failures. Thus far we have had about the same number of patients as in former years, but they are less able to pay than formerly. We are rejoicing in the arrival of our X-Ray, it is a great boon to the work.

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The twenty four members of the entering class of the Girls' Academy are nearly all graduates of accredited primary schools and show a thirst for knowledge that promises fine results. All our teachers are Christians, tried and true. The life in the dormitories with its quiet hours and good fellowship helps them in the Faith. On Sunday many of the girls are out teaching in Sunday Schools. They have their Y. W. C. A. and their own Preaching Society which supports a Bible woman.

The entering class of forty boys in the academy is the finest we have ever received. They have already shown their metal by winning the Inter-Class Soccer Championship this spring. There is an exceptionally fine spirit in the school this year. The fourth and fifth year boys are largely responsible for this. They are all good Christian boys who have learned to some extent at least to give up their own personal desires for the good of the group. This is a hard thing for Korean youth to learn and we are not just sure how deep the lesson has gone into the make up of our boys, but we are thankful for what evidence of it we have.

After several futile efforts to establish a church in a village, the Hospital Evangelists finally succeeded. From a nearby Hospital group a Christian family moved to this heathen village only to be beaten by a gang of "rough necks", who also reviled the Bible-woman with the most abusive language. An explanation of the mob action finally came to light. The leader, with the assistance of his gang, had been trying to coerce a young woman to live with him, against her will. She had sought out the Bible-woman, who had given words of advice and admonition but nothing more. Although, the first few days after this episode, no one turned out for the meetings, public sympathy gradually developed against the mob and in favor of Christianity. Again meetings were held and at this time about 40 men, women, boys and girls have taken a definite stand for Christ; a straw roofed house has been purchased for a church and a dedication service is being planned.

#### SYENCHUN.

There are four colporteurs working under the direction of the Station. The scriptures which net the most profit in souls cost one cent each, being copies of the Gospels, Acts and Proverbs.

In one place a professional comedian bought a penny copy of Proverbs and said he would read it. The next Sunday the man brought his whole family to church and declared that he was hence forth a Christian.

In another place a man was found who had been to the Hospital here in Syenchun three years ago, had received tracts and heard the Gospel, but had backslidden. He was convicted at the preaching of the Colporter and shows every sign of a genuine, revived, spiritual life.

The colporter was working for a week in a town where a revival was much needed and a man possessed with a devil came to the town. He was a notable character in the district, so for four days, after the days work of selling Scriptures, the colporter labored with this man in prayer and was rewarded by seeing the man restored to his right mind. He accepted the Lord Jesus as his Saviour and that evening had a big celebrating bon-fire, the fuel for which was the ancestral tablets and all the paraphernalia which goes with them.

On Friday a very poor widow used two of her precious sen to buy a Gospel. Sunday she appeared in the local church and said she wanted to give her heart to this Jesus she had read about. She was shown the simple way and acted immediately.

A rich man bought a Gospel, believed and burned his ancestral tablets. With him came his whole household of 17 persons and, in order to outfit them all, he bought over \$21 worth of Scriptures, the largest single sale this colporter knows of.

#### CHAIRYONG.

The two colporteurs have worked steadily all year and have an average of 1,024 portions per month to their credit. They rank with the best ten full time workers in all Korea. To sell 12,396 portions is a good work in itself but the preaching necessary to sell that number is surely worthy of our interest. The average sales for all Korea per colporteur per month is 409 and the average cost is \$22.50. No need to ask for more efficient and economical preaching than that!

The Presbytery sent Paster Yang to Pyengsan territory to over see the struggling churches in that difficult-home mission field. He left his work in a prosperous church, with a fine school, to go to a very den of vice with his cultured family, a town where half the houses sold liquor and a man's wife was any man's. Now that funds are scarce there is talk of recalling this leader. He is not happy in the prospect as he is seeing the growth of the Master's vineyard from such tiny beginnings and it is a joy to his soul. His wife is a worthy mate as she is a Bible Institute graduate of unusual ability.

The Whanghai Women's Missionary Society gave a small gift to complete to fund for a floor in one of the new churches in Pyengsan district. Two of the Government school teachers there were Christians and when they saw the piles of lumber they said they would bring all the boys taking manual training, and tools and plane the lumber for their school practice work.

The Evangelistic tent was set up on a mountain top and when it came down a tiny beacon light was left which will endure. All the tent workers were entertained in the home of the doctor, a man who had his only training in the Haiju hospital. He is a good Christian as well as a good doctor and the new group will meet in his house, surely a good beginning!

Last Sunday there were 224 at each of the two local women's Sunday Schools. At one of the schools a few of the workers herd the tiny children, who come on their mother's backs, up on the platform where they are somewhat apart and try to keep them quiet while the mothers study.

#### CHUNGJU.

Thirty happy women, most of them young, studied in the Bible Institute this spring, two of them receiving diplomas. One woman sold her calf and used half the proceeds for her expenses.

One of the most interesting parts of the women's work this year has been the organization of women's missionary societies in the country groups, twelve being organized.

When the Korean men are so hard pressed financially what must the condition of the women be! Yet at the Bible Conference held for the women of our field, out of their poverty, they took up a collection of \$ 6.33 for home missions.

A helpful retreat was held this spring for ten days with seventeen pastors and lay preachers in a Buddhist Monastery. While the Christian workers sat on the terrace in front of the temple, in the starlight, discussing how to build up a live church, an old woman took the lone priest's place at beating a gong to wake up the god.

Since September first, the Hospital staff have held fifty-five market dispensaries at various places and have treated nearly eight hundred patients and made about one hundred and twenty out calls. Pray that this work may soon have an American physician to carry it on to perfection, and pray for the present force who are bravely endeavoring to "carry on" under trying conditions.

Five colporteurs supported by the British and Foreign Bible Society are working under our direction. They sold 23,767 Bibles and portions during the year.

The city women's Sabbath School doubled its attendance

this spring. Volunteer workers bring many of the recruits for the first time. The women of the church are workers.

It is a pretty picture to see the 180 city Sabbath School children gathering, all decked out in rainbow colors, New Star leading little Lump of Gold by the hand.

#### SEOUL.

The case of the educated young man in Korea today, married thru no choosing of his own to an ignorant, unattractive woman, is indeed a pitiable one, and arouses our sympathy, but what about the poor wife, conscious often of her ignorance and equally unhappy and miserable because of her lot—is anything being done for her? We are trying to meet the need of just such women as these at the Social Evangelistic Center, and offer a course in home-making, giving both academic subjects and practical courses in sewing, cooking, care of the sick, and such work.

In that course we now have two women whose husbands are in America, and many others whose husbands are in school or seminary here in Korea. One of these two of whom I write gave up voluntarily her own choice of the Bible Course in which she had started, began over again in the home making department when that was newly organized over a year ago, in order that she might be a better home-maker for her husband who is to return to Korea this fall.

There are seemingly countless little street urchins who have no opportunity whatever of attending the public schools because their parents are too poor to send them. For these we now have three groups in different parts of the city meeting four times a week each. Some of our own students are helping in the instruction of these children, teaching them to read and write the native character, giving them Bible stories, teaching them hymns and directing their play activities. One of those assisting in this work is the above-mentioned young woman.

For the children in the neighborhood of the Center, the Clinic now offers free baths twice a week, and there are always twenty to thirty youngsters who present themselves at the appointed hour. Judging by the enthusiasm of those who have this work in charge and by the shining and smiling faces that issue from the bathroom, this is a great success.

Miss Esteb and the Korean physician and Bible woman (or whichever man or woman is taken along in the trips I have forgotten which) go out in Miss Esteb's car—to hold these market place dispensaries.



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GRADUATING CLASS, CHAIRYUNG BIBLE INSTITUTE

## CHAIRYUNG.

Mrs. Harvey has started her September personal work campaign in Chairyung. Besides daily house to house visitation, groups meet in each district for evening prayer. The pastor from Sinchun wants her back for another month as he gives her credit for the more than fifty new believers in his church. The month at Anak brought as many into the fold, and Sariwon was blessed with nearly fifty new believers. A new house of generous proportions was ready for the dedicatory ceremony in a village near Sariwon.

The various spirits wont to be invoked on such an occasion were not called upon that day as the head of the household had planned, for the believing wife and daughter-in-law had gone in to Sariwon and given Mrs. Harvey and her evangelistic band a most urgent invitation to come to dedicate the house to the Lord. When they arrived the daughter quietly announced to her father-in-law that these guests would have a service if he would consent. Too much of a gentleman to be rude and being flattered, no doubt, by the presence of a silver haired, foreign lady, he consented, and the simple service was held with nothing to mar its charm. During the feast which followed, the Bread of Life was offered to people who had come expecting only that which perishes.

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### CHUNGJU.

In addition to the Chungju dispensary, the American nurse and Korean physician, with a druggist, have been holding dispensaries in two large market towns. The popularity of these dispensaries is shown by the number of people who sought their doors during the August rainy season when they had to be closed. "When are they going to open again?" was the common question. September found these centers of Christian influence open and ready to help body and soul.

Two years ago a horribly dirty leper came to a missionary's door for alms. He received travel expenses and a letter of introduction—containing a promisory note—to the leper asylum at Kwangju.

Recently a clean Korean of average good looks, with one stiff hand but no other deformity, appeared at the missionary's door to say that he was that man on his way back home and that he stopped enroute to express his gratitude. He drew down his stockings to show where the numerous ulcers had been—now only scars. No ordinary observer would suspect that he had ever been a leper.

He said, "Not only for the healing of my body am I thankful but I found the Saviour at the assylum, am cleansed from sin as well, and am returning home to teach all the lepers I meet how to be cured and to tell my people of the Gospel." Taking a good bundle of leaflets he started homeward. Pray that he may never lose his gratitude to God and never have any return of leprosy of soul or body.

Years before she believed, Mrs. Ho became the second wife of an ex-magistrate and a stepmother to his sons. She was so good to the sons that one of them committed the raising of his two boys to her. When she became a Christian she, with the consent of the father, brought up the boys in the Sabbath School and church. After they professed their faith, she obtained Christian wives for them, showing great wisdom in her selection. One of these wives is now a most promising student in our Women's Bible Institute.

When the unpromising Leader of the group moved away, Mrs. Ho and her granddaughter-in-law took charge of the finances of the church, the granddaughter-in-law keeping the accounts and the old lady, the money. She raised funds to buy a church bell and sacrificed the Lombardy poplars, that beautified her yard, to supply timbers for the bell tower.

When Daily Vacation Bible Schools were introduced into Korea she offered to board the teacher free if the missionary would pay five dollars for carfare and other expenses, and ran a D. V. B. S for several years. One pupil, at least, brought both her parents to the Lord and they are now catechumens.

Mrs. Ho recently reported that she had raised a calf "for the Lord" and will use its selling price in the work. Her old Confucian husband died in stubborn unbelief but her daughter and grandson are earnest, active Christians.

The men of her group have been a disappointment to the missionary but as long as Mrs. Ho shines on, he does not lose hope for the future of the group.

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### KANGKEI.

Kangkei broadcasts an S. O. S. call for two new single women workers ; Miss Miller resigned two years ago and Miss Helstrom this year. This leaves a field of 120 churches with 8,000 Christians - backward, mountain people - with no one to take charge of the newly developed and sorely needed women's work.

About 100 church officers attended the summer Womens' Conference held at Chung Kang, at the extreme northwest corner of Korea, where the Yalu River takes its big bend, changing its course from northwest to southwest. From a high mountain behind the town can be seen, on clear days, Paik Tu San or White Haired Mountain, Korea's highest and most famous peak.

Two men walked more than 700 li (200 miles) over eleven high passes to attend the class. Since our territory is about the size of Palestine, they may be said to have walked from Dan to Beer Sheba. The name of one of these men, Won-paik Li Changno, was jokingly changed by the others attending the class to Chil-paik Li Changno, which means Seven-hundred-li-elder.

A poor old homeless laboring man, batching in a little shanty outside Kang-kei, and eking out a living on little odd jobs here and there, gave \$5.23 to foreign missions last year. This year he increased his gift to ten dollars.

### SEOUL.

One of the most inspiring sights around Seoul, is the little Orphanage Church outside South Gate. The only paid worker there is a personal Bible Woman belonging to one of the married missionaries, and she gives but half her time. Her name is Koo Si. She has worked there for three or four years, and is one of the best personal workers we have, though she is not very well educated.

The Orphanage itself is located in a beautiful spot on the side of the mountain ; and although it is supported and controlled by Japanese, most of its hundred or more inmates are Koreans. Mr. Soda, the Japanese man in charge, is one of the sweetest-spirited Christians you could find in any land. He encourages and assists in the work of the church among the orphans and the people who live in the vicinity. The work was begun many years ago, but until recently made but little progress. When Koo Si took charge she had visions of better and more extended work—even to the building of a church house. By her persistent efforts, week in and week out, day time and nighttime, holding Bible Classes, visiting in the homes, organizing a women's society, and conducting the Sunday and mid-week worship, she is seeing and rejoicing in the results of her efforts.

Now, there are all the orphans in the home, twenty or more women, and a dozen men in the group, all very devout and earnest. They sing well, know their Bibles better than many people who have had Christian influence around them all their lives, and worship with a hunger and thirst for righteousness that is pathetic. It is all a miracle of God's grace in transforming the lives of people of all nations and conditions of life. When we learn that the people, are of the very poorest class—in fact almost outcasts, we can but marvel at it all. Those in

America who give the money that makes possible the excellent work of this Bible woman and those of us out here who direct her labors will unite in rejoicing in these satisfactory results of our efforts. When the group can be self-supporting we may not predict, but the Women's society is now collecting money slowly month by month from offerings of rice taken from the daily rations, a few spoons-full each meal. When the Lord sits over against the treasury today and sees such offerings, will he not measure them, as he did of old, not by what is given but by what remains, and bestow upon these his faithful and loving followers the widow's praise ?

#### TAIKU.

For the first time in the history of our woman's work in Taiku we held a retreat for all the Bible Women of our province, lasting four days. We felt that our efforts were more than rewarded when the women declared with one voice that our little conference had been far more interesting and inspiring than the big Sunday School convention held just previously they requested a repetition of the conference next year.

Chang Sun is thirty years of age, of a high class family and mother of a son nine years old. When approached by the Bible-woman she was haughty and indifferent. To engage her in conversation the question was asked. "Where is your husband?" "Oh, he has gone to Japan." "Does he provide well for you?" "Not a penny does he send." After being told the story of salvation she was asked to accept Christ as the only comforter for her lonely heart. "Comfort her lonely heart," she repeated the words. The Bible would tell her more about Jesus and she should buy a copy. She had no money. However, some days after the Bible woman returned to the hospital, a letter came from the young woman, enclosing the price of a Bible. Later the church Leader wrote telling what an earnest Christian the young widow had become. Young widow! Yes, as a matter of fact her husband had died when she was but twenty one years old. Some months after his death her child had been born. As a son, born after the death of the father, is most precious because the only hope of future blessings for the family, she was a proud mother. In place of deceit and pride there was now a truthful and humble spirit. She requested opportunity for Bible study by correspondence and also in the next big Bible class. If God permits she will give her life to His Service, she says.



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KANG KEI.



The "Four Gospels" of Anak.

About the time of day that ball games, lectures and concerts were being heard from the broadcasting station at Schenectady, N. Y. through the radio apparatus in Dr. Byram's home, the students of the Women's Bible Institute assembled for work. Every member of the Station with a visiting teacher and Miss Aiseen Kim helped in making the Institute a success.

Eighteen students took the final examinations and displayed exceptional ability and understanding in dividing the Word of Truth.

A temperature of thirty or forty degrees below zero was more of an incentive than a drawback to the Bible Class of a hundred and fifty-three men, women and children held at Mooju, a town about thirty miles from Kangkei. Strong determin-

ation mingled with faith led these mountaineer believers to come to the church to attend the meetings before sunrise and to those held after sunset, with perfect halos of frost around their faces as they went to and from the church. Over thirty made decisions to start on the Way of Life and the women organized a Missionary Society at the close of the class.

### HING KING.

Bible Institute for women is now in session; only city women have enrolled and there are seventeen. The country-side is restless, Bolshevik-Koreans are coming and going freely, threatening to destroy all Churches; "Big Sword Society" among Chinese has brot terror to Chinese and Koreans. I think we will have to get the Church folks more interested in Dr. Swallen's correspondence course, hoping they will not entirely grow ignorant of Biblical teachings. Many schools have disbanded on account of bad crops and the low purchasing power of Moukden's money. We are hoping morn of joy will come with spring, it seems the winter has been time of weeping.

### SEOUL ITEMS.

# Dr. K. S. Oh of Severance Hospital, gave an address on The Church and Society. It was an account of what the Korean church is doing for society. Among the activities mentioned were: a building association which furnishes homes to the desperately poor and homeless. The rent for these homes is about one dollar per month and is used in keeping the homes in repair and toward the building of new homes. A society for the aid of men just released from prison, giving them food and shelter till work is found, helping them to secure work, and giving them guidance to help them start on a right path. A home for old couples has been opened. Boys' clubs, a school for the blind and dumb, and the Orphanage of which Dr. Oh has charge were among other activities mentioned.

The station is especially rejoicing that the Chung Sin Womens' Academy and the John D. Wells School for Boys are closing this years without deficits the faculty of the Chung Sin Academy accepting reduced salaries that the school might prosper. This Academy also greatly rejoices in the receipt of a gift of \$1,150 toward the next fiscal year from the Korean friends of the school in America.

March 20th, a day full of Commencement celebrations, is also a Red letter day, being that on which the Unveilling Ceremony of the Statue of President Avison will take place. The inscription on the statue reads in part as follows:

Oliver R. Avison

The servant of all the Missions of the Christian church  
President of Severance Union Medical College.

### PYENG AN.

Twelve Korean women recently graduated from the Higher Bible School. To enter this school it is necessary to be a graduate of an academy or of one of our Mission Bible Institutes.

The Men's Bible Study Class was the largest and best class we have had in many years. Over 1,300 studied. Each evening during the class the big West Gate Church was crowded with men and hundreds were unable to enter. Fully a thousand men came out each morning to attend the "before daylight" prayer-meetings inspite of zero weather.

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The Presbyterian Churches in Pyengyang City have decided to make the present year a year of special evangelistic effort. Plans are being made to erect a temporary tent covered structure in the center of the city to seat 5,000 people and to hold a union revival meeting next fall. An aggressive preparatory campaign of house to house visitation and special prayermeetings will be conducted for months in advance of the revival meeting. Twelve churches will have part in this campaign.

All Pyengyang City is rejoicing over the victory of our Presbyterian Boy's Academy in football this year. Our boys won the championship for Korea last fall and were splendidly victorious in the All Japan-Korea-Formosa football contest held in Kobe in January. The whole city gave the boys a royal welcome when they returned with their well earned trophies.

#### SYENCHUN.

The Men's Bible Institute enrolled 36 the first term and 18 the second. Six graduated. The Women's on a one term schedule, enrolled 49, including ten graduates.

In the first year class is a woman who had been demon possessed before conversion and because of her great faith and ardent zeal was admitted as a special. She spends all her spare time learning to write, really starting her education past the age of 50.

One of the students is a widow with no place to go after leaving the B. I. She has earned her food while here by being cook for a number of other women.

Mother Chung was 60 years old when she died a few days ago in the midst of her B. I. course. She is rich and her only son is a fine man who took the best of care of her, but for the sheer joy of studying God's Word, she walked the considerable distance from her home to the institute, the thermometer usually registering 0 or below, without breakfast to be in her place at 8:30. The Korean breakfast hour in winter is very late.

The Boys' and Girls' Schools have both graduated their usual classes, 18 boys and 10 girls. Many of these boys are preparing for the Christian ministry. Ten of them worked all or part of their way through school. One persevered for 13 years for his high school education. One of the girls is the only Christian in her own or her deceased husband's family. By the help of our Work Dept. and with a great deal of hardship she has made her way thus far. She has dedicated her life to the Lord and tried so hard to find some way to go to the Women's Higher Bible School in Pyengyang but could not overcome the big financial difficulties and was forced to give it up. She is looking now to nursing, but what a splendid Bible Woman she would have made. However God knows best and her life is in His Hands. These are just samples which could be repeated many times with variations. Pray for these people.

#### CHAIRYUNG.

One old lady who has spent her life in the care of her family now has her chance to study in the Bible Institute. But her inability to write makes it hard for her to get all she wants to from her study so in the writing class she has

worked so diligently that her old hand and body are weary but not daunted her spirit! "I never kept house with a pencil. But never you mind, lady, I'll write you a letter yet before I die!"

Our host and hostess in Anak were firm believers in the Living Word, so when their first four children were to be named they christened them Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John despite the fact that they were all girls. The "Four Gospels", as they are called by the whole town, are bearing daily testimony to the power of the Gospel.

The weakest church of Anak has had a revival with twenty four new believers. The helper also brought tidings of additions to two other churches so the total was brought up to forty-five. At the same time the missionary received a letter from a friend in America filled with good wishes and the assurance that the work he had charge of was being remembered daily at the throne, so we know friends are laboring with us for the Gospel's sake.

#### CHUNG JU.

At the Central Bible Class for the whole district two hundred women came to study this year, the largest attendance for many years. One woman walked about thirty miles to get here. For many of them it is not the actual teaching they receive and carry away with them, but the inspiration of being together with so many others, that counts the most. That is what they take back with them to the small country churches.

At the "Say So" meeting held the last day of the Class, many arose and told of spiritual blessings received, and new purposes formed, during the days of study. Many of them said their greatest desire before they died, was to see their unbelieving relatives saved. One old women testified, "I am the only Christian in our village, and too old to learn anything or be of much use. Pray that some younger ones may come to know Christ, and be of use to Him."

The Women's Missionary Society of the local Korean church has assumed the whole salary of a Bible women for full time work. Hitherto only a portion of the salary had been undertaken.

On account of good crops our classes this year have been larger than usual, the margin of supplies is so narrow that some can bring their food only in the years of plenty.

Twenty six interested and interesting women are taking the two months course this Spring in the Bible Institute.

Miss Esteb and the Korean physician have kept up their trips by auto to an interior market town to hold their dispensary and preach to the crowd that gathers for treatments or, to see the sights.



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Are they not dear old grandmothers.

Jesus said that no man hath left parents for his sake but shall receive an hundredfold. This is true of grandparents too. There is a dear old lady, with whose husband the writer did the Lord's work till his death, who has taken the missionary's hand, held it and with tears in her eyes said, "You remind me so of my yung gam".

In America the writer was once asked, "Can you feel towards those people out there as you feel towards us?" and he told of how he had tried to comfort a father who had surrendered a beloved child to her Maker. Not many months later the missionary went through the same sad experience and this father walked five days journey, partly to attend a Bible class and partly to offer his comfort to his brother, who now sorrowed as he had sorrowed.

"As he grasped my hand, with tears flowing down his cheeks, and stood there unable to speak the message he had brought, he was as close to me as any American could be".

But it is not only our common sorrows that bring us together. Many are the happy occasions when

joyful face looks into joyful face as though their complexions Hatched as well as their mutual feelings. Strange that emotions can make people blind to complexions when complexions mean so much more than feelings!

May the prayer not be in vain, "Holy Father, keep them in thy name which though hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are." Having one Father, kept in one Name, given to one Shepherd, why not one? God have mercy on the man who cannot be one with an Asiatic, how then will he be one with Jesus?

### CHAIRYUNG

At the summer communion service in Sinchun, the four hundred on the women's side of the church were so carefully seated by the Bible woman that there was perfect quiet. There were thirty three baptisms and nine catechumens were admitted.

Sariwon West Church dedicated a very commodious and attractive church costing \$ 9,000 with only \$ 500 indebtedness and missionaries were not even asked to contribute! They have kept the fine old native style church with its massive pillars and graceful tile roof for Sunday school and kindergarten, the new brick auditorium being built on the main highway. With a manse and guest-house, this is the best plant in the province and in the heart of the most rapidly growing city.

Three classes were held by missionaries in August, intensive study of the Bible and extensive evangelistic effort for dwellers in nearby villages. Eight young men made public confession of their determination to believe. An old man of sixty stood up on the first night and attended straight through to the end. The mother of five boys held out until the last night although her husband had been a believer for a year. Three old ladies made firm decisions for they were backed up by a full week of faithful study.

The elder, whose fall from grace was such a shock last year, has given up his concubine and wants to renew his confession. He has promised two hundred bags of rice to the Chairyung Church academy provided the necessary three hundred more be given by others. This will give the necessary annual income to finance the new building at such time as it is provided by friends in America. School opened this fall with 150 students. One teacher gives his services free and all the others serve for unusually small salaries.

That students—Korean students—should labor with their hands is becoming quite the common thing. Emphasis is beginning to be put on the training of the mind for farming. Three large buildings are being erected for a private school of agriculture under semi-Christian auspices. An old, old lady manages her large estate with the help of her grand-daughter's Christian husband as she does not trust her own sons. So the \$ 20,000 she is putting into this school is her way of helping the younger generation meet the problems of living.

### CHUNGJU

The fifteenth day of the eighth month (lunar calendar) is one of the three great sacrifice days for the Koreans. Much more food than ordinarily eaten at one meal is prepared. The morning of the fifteenth day, the women of the household get up long before it is day, boil the rice and soup, and set out all the various kinds of food on a long table, or on several small ones. The male members of the family then leisurely arise and the oldest one bows repeatedly before these tables, from which the ancestral spirits are supposed to have already partaken. This is all done before the sun rises, and then everyone falls to and consumes all, and sometimes more than, he can hold. While results are not fatal, they are sometimes indisposing.

The argument that no food is missing, is usually met with the reply that the spirits do not really eat but only come and smell it. The question, "Why do you make so much food, and things which your family cannot afford?" is re-

sponded to with the retort, "Oh, we have to have everything good for our ancestors, even though we go in debt for it."

Said one Christian women, "One of the greatest blessings I have received since becoming Christian, is to know that the Lord answers definite prayer. I prayed that we would not have this ancestor worship in our family, for it is such a useless expenditure of time and money which might be used for better things. The Lord heard my prayer, and since last year we have not had it, although my husband is not a Christian and does not attend church."

We are glad to report the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Lowe to join our station.

### HINGKING, MANCHURIA

"This extreme northeastern counties of Kirin province furnish an illustration of the saying that there is no corner of the globe into which Koreans cannot penetrate and make a living from the soil. In these counties there are more than a thousand Korean families. Most of the settlers are former residents of the maritime province of Siberia. Unfavorable conditions in a communistic state have led them in the course of the last ten years to cross the Ussuri River and try their fortunes clearing the forests and turning the sod in this fertile distant corner of Manchuria.

Eight Christian churches varying from 20 to 150 members have been established, and an elemental day school in each community. Although several Korean Pastors have paid brief visits to this section, not until the last two years have they had a resident minister to lead them. In spite of persistent Bolshevistic propaganda, without financial aid, and without the constant inspiration of trained leaders, these Christians have carried on-enduring the arctic winters, the marauding of bandits and the petty oppressions of money loving officials."

"In the north there are now five Korean pastors; and a project is being started for a separate North Manchuria presbytery. In these regions some Christians had never before seen a foreign missionary; many were born on Chinese or Russian soil speaking those languages as well as their own. Some residents had not set foot on their native soil for over fifty years.

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A year ago when the woman missionary itinerator was holding a class in our far mountain territory she passed a woman washing her clothes at a small stream near the church. She asked her if she were a Christian. When she replied in the negative the missionary said "I am sorry". The woman exclaimed "You are", in surprise. There was little time for conversation and the missionary passed on. But her words remained with the woman and before the class was over she appeared at the church asking to be enrolled among the new believers. Some of the church members objected to accepting her name, saying that she was a concubine, and a seller of liquor and that it was quite useless to expect her to become a Christian. This autumn when the missionary went again into that territory to hold a class at another church ten miles distant, she was approached by a happy faced woman whom she did not recognize until reminded of her meeting with the woman by the stream the previous year. She had become an earnest Christian and had walked the ten miles to attend this Bible Class. She followed to the next class another ten miles farther away, where she had formerly lived as the second concubine in the home of the magistrate. Here she sought out the other concubine in this home and "preached" to her, exhorting her to abandon her sinful relationship and to become a Christian. Her words were not in vain. Before the class was finished, this woman also declared her intention of becoming a Christian and gave evidence of her sincerity by bringing forth objects dedicated to spirit worship, which she had in her house, and destroying them in the presence of witnesses.

A year and one half ago, when a Bible Class for Women was being held at a mining town about thirty-five miles from Syen Chun, a woman who had decided to become a Christian a few weeks before on the occasion of the visit of missionary pastor, came for her first instruction in the Bible. This fall when the woman Missionary returned for another class, she had the joy of witnessing on Sunday evening the graduation exercises when this woman received her diploma for the Bible Correspondence Course conducted by Dr. Swallen. She had completed the whole course in the intervening period and was the first to receive such a diploma at this church. Her husband, who was not a Christian, came to the church to see her receive it. That night he declared his intention of becoming a Christian, also, and the next morning before partaking of his breakfast, he bowed his head in thanks, witnessing before his family to his new found faith.

At the Wiju County Class for Women, the Women's Missionary Societies of the county and a few struggling societies in Korean churches across the border in China, turned in to their treasurer \$450. This is their yearly contribution to missions and is used to help maintain a Korean pastor at Mukden who ministers to the drifting population of Koreans in that city and in the immediately surrounding territory.



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GOOD BUILDING MATERIAL.

JESUS DESIRES IT

The strongest argument for mission work is that Jesus wishes it to be done. To the true Christian this is an all sufficient ground. If this reason does not appeal to a person no argument will.

Jesus said, "Go ye and make disciples of all the nations," "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice and they shall become one flock, one shepherd." "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Ye shall be my witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

Jesus wants mission work done, what other argument can a true Christian ask for? These are "our marching orders" and what kind of a soldier stands debating his marching orders.

"When the Son of Man comes shall he find faith on the earth?" These words of his show what he will look for when he comes, as Dr. Speer once said. Not magnificent architecture, not soft cushioned pews, not stained glass, not resounding organs, but faith, faith on the earth not just in Judea or America.

"For God so loved the world" not just Europe and America. Through missions our heathen ancestors found salvation and passed it down to us and what kind of despicable beings would we be if we refused to pass on what has given us all the blessing we have.

Jesus wishes mission work pushed to the limit. The person to whom this argument does not appeal needs mission work done on him. A man is either a mission worker or a mission field.

### HINGKING, MANCHURIA

Our new station name given by the Nanking Government is Sinpin—New welcome. The "New" part of it is most appropriate for we are seething with new things about us all the time. New kinds of socialism; new sorts of schools; a new variety of communism; fresh kinds of difficulties and persecutions.

But we are thankful also to report fresh activity in the church. A Daily Vacation Bible School attended by 110 pupils gave scope for 12 volunteer teachers— young people who both taught and at the same time learned how to teach. This was followed by a summer conference of young men, which in turn was succeeded by the church officers' class of the Presbytery. Then came the meetings of Presbytery at which time the church groups were provided with evangelists and pastors; the seminary students continued for the coming year and in spite of difficulties fresh home mission evangelism was promoted.

Politically things are tense and from week to week strains are put upon the Christians who face issues upon which their stand must be decided. We are glad to report that both the young men's organization and church members in general asseverate their conviction that whatever comes Christ and his Spirit must prevail in all things if we are to have real peace and progress.

Some of the extra difficulties of work in this distant station may be known from the following excerpt from a personal report.

"In another area the Koreans had fought among themselves. One party being for communism and world revolution. The opposing party holds to Korean nationalism and hopes and lives for independence. The leading pastor there is in jail for being too nationalistic. While his oldest son was recently killed by the nationalists for siding actively with the world revolutionists.... All this cuts up the unity of the church, for the presbytery extends over the entire area concerned.

"To make it worse, even the nationalists are avowed atheists, teaching in their schools atheism, communism, revolution and companionate marriage, while Christian members of the Boys' Scouts are positively prohibited from attending Sunday School under threat of expulsion. So it often follows that a Christian youth wishing to secure an education finds the only available middle school in the hands of out and out atheists. Were it not that the sentiment of some of the students and teachers is still leavened with Christian knowledge the pressure would be even worse. This condition is largely imported from Soviet Russia whose attitude on all questions except that of nationalism is accepted as above argument and feverishly put into operation."

However the report goes on to say. "In spite of these quarrelings our country itineration, as far as the foreign missionary is concerned, has been unhindered." "As the churches within a circle of about forty miles of Hingking are under one political party the Christians have been free to meet for worship." "In spite of anti-Christian agencies the young peoples' societies have been maintained in most of the churches, and the Sunday schools are carried on in every group where more than 15 or 20 children can be mustered."

"We can truly testify, 'A great door and effectual is opened and there are many adversaries.' But our trust is in Him who will not fail, nor be discouraged."

### SEOUL

Excavation has begun for the new dental building at Severance Union Medical College and Hospital. Although not especially pretentious, this new unit will be efficiently equipped and will probably be the most complete and up-to-date dental clinic on the foreign mission field.

During last August, Dr. J. L. Boots made an exploration trip in the White Head Mountain district of the Korean-Manchurian border, and by good fortune was able to sound the depth of the hitherto unknown crater lake. This lake, four miles long and half as wide, was 1,026 feet deep in the center. As the legend and folklore of this country have much to say of this famous region, and because the Koreans have desired to know for years the depth of the lake, Dr. Boots has been asked by the leading newspaper of this city to give an illustrated public lecture in the near future.

It is both pathetic and an inspiration to see the eagerness with which poor parents are seeking to take advantage of the opportunities afforded their children by the afternoon classes at the Social Evangelistic Center. Every day, mothers come leading little children of school age, and pleading that their children be admitted to the already over-crowded classes.

"I'm sorry, but there is no place for your child. All seats are full." "But, please take him in!" is always the answering plea. It would melt the most stony-hearted to resist such insistent appeals, but the rooms fairly burst now with the over-large classes.

At the chapel hour, held daily for these youngsters, excellent talks are given by the teachers, and the children enter so heartily into the singing, one is afraid little throats will burst. They often recite Bible verses, and one little child recited a large part of the Sermon on the Mount not long ago.

### CHAIRYONG

Chairyong Hospital was opened Jan. 6, 1908. Has it been appreciated by the people for whom it was erected? Let this answer you. Surplus fees invested in the building and equipment have long since equaled the original cost of the plant! And this is still the property of the church in America; so they have received rather than given. Now we are asking for \$7,500.00 with which to erect a new building of brick with lime plaster and properly fitted windows to provide a really sanitary operating room; quiet private rooms for pay patients as well as

the desperately ill who might be harmed by the confusion in the present overcrowded wards; and X-ray and laboratory rooms in connection with the superintendent's office.

Again we are confident that the Koreans will so appreciate this gift that they will furnish much of the specialized equipment which will be needed. Just one visit to the present operating room or to the cubby hole off the dispensary called by courtesy a laboratory, will convince you we are five years late in asking for new quarters, as we were convinced when the utmost accomplished by two years of strenuous remodeling and repairs and additions tacked on here and there was utterly disproportionate to the money spent and the small amount of convenience attained.

### CHUNGJU

Among the hundreds of men the missionary met as he distributed leaflets at the North Gate of the city on market day was a short, heavyset man with a very hard, red face that indicated not only excessive drinking but a habit of having his own way though it meant unlawful oppression of his neighbors. His name was Na. Some days later, after a season of hard drinking, he had a dream in which the missionary met him and urged him to give up his drinking and he promised to do so.

True to his dream he became a Christian and a sober man. He prospered not only spiritually but materially as well. In time he started a church in his village and later became its elder.

Recently, as he sat beside the deathbed of a beloved grandson, the little child looked up and said, "Grandfather, you know I have five dollars in the bank. Take it out after I have gone to Jesus and give it to the church collection." As the child grew weaker Elder Na said to him, "Just take hold of Jesus' hand and you will be safe." The boy replied, "How can I take hold of His hand when he has hold of mine?" Then he lay quiet till he was "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

It is scenes like this that show us that Christ is not only the same yesterday, today and forever, but in Asia, where He was born, as well as in Europe and America. Human hearts are the same, Divine power is the same and when they come together the reaction is the same.

Eighteen Vacation Bible Schools were held in the churches of this district, largely if not entirely by volunteer teachers. Many parents are brought nearer to the Kingdom by the influence that their children bring home from these schools. While sitting in the store of a nonbeliever, trying to persuade him to decide for Christ, it was inspiring and helpful to hear his children playing in his yard and singing Christian hymns in the midst of their play, "Jeeus loves me" is a favorite, and the constant repetition of this refrain at least impresses the parents with the knowledge that Christianity is a Message of Love.

After a year's campaign for temperance, the missionary in charge began to feel that he was making no impression until a saloon keeper who saw him pass remarked, "Is that missionary still alive? A tiger ought to have eaten him long ago." Evidently some impression was being made.